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TAGS: OEXC, GV (DIALLY, SAIFOULAYE)
SUBJECT: FY 1976 INTERVISITOR DIALLO

1. REGRET DIFFICULTIES AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS WHICH HAVE PLAGUED SAIFOULAYE DIALLO IV GRANT AND APPRECIATE ENORMOUS EFFORT MADE AT WASHINGTON END. SAIFOULAYE HIMSELF REFERRED TO "BUREAUCRATIC" ATMOSPHERE AND COMPLICATIONS THIS TIME IN CONTRAST TO HIS EARLIER VISIT OF SEVERAL MONTHS DURATION WHEN US SPARED NO EXPENSE FOR HIS CARE AND COMFORT. AFTER GOOD DISCUSSION WITH HIM OCTOBER 8, BELIEVE THIS GRANT IS BACK ON TRACK.

2. WE HAVE CONVINCED SAIFOULAYE TO DELAY ONE MORE TIME SINCE IT IS NOT PRACTICAL FOR HIM TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON TEN DAYS BEFORE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING AND BEGINNING OF GRANT PERIOD OCTOBER 22. HE NOW PLANS DEPART CONAKRY 1735 MONDAY 20 OCTOBER VIA MY203; ETA MONROVIA 1940 ETD MONROVIA 21 OCTOBER AT 0030 VIA PA181. ETA NEW YORK-JFK 0605. ETD JFK 0920 NA493. ETA DCA 1017. PLEASE CONFIRM GRANTEE CAN BE MET AND ASSISTED BY FRENCH SPEAKER. HE SPEAKS NO ENGLISH.

3. BETHESDA APPOINTMENT MUST BE RESCHEDULED DURING WEEK FOLLOWING INITIATION OF PROGRAM OCTOBER 22. UNDERSTAND VERY HEAVY DEMANDS UPON BETHESDA AND DEEPLY APPRECIATE HOSPITAL'S COOPERATION.

4. SAIFOULAYE AGREEABLE TO VOA INTERVIEW AND OTHER COVERAGE,
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PHOTOS AND ARTICLE. HE MENTIONED THAT LAST TIME INTERVIEW WAS

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CONDUCTED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN SERVICE WHOM HE FOUND
INTELLIGENT AND COURTEOUS, AND INCLUDED INTERESTING EXCHANGE ON
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN CAPITALIST AND SOCIALIST SYSTEMS. IT WILL NOT
BE NECESSARY TO CHECK OUT QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE. QUESTIONS ALONG
LINES SUGGESTED CONAKRY 1530, PHRASED IN TACTFUL
FASHION, SHOULD PROVIDE GOOD PLATFORM FOR DISCUSSION. DURING
MEETING OCTOBER 8 AMBASSADOR RAISED US CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.
DIALLO IS KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT AND FASCINATED BY THE EXTENT OF
INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY IN US AS COMPARED TO
AFRICA. HE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED IF THIS ISSUE COMES UP.

5. FOR WASHINGTON PROGRAMING TRY FOR APPOINTMENTS ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LEVEL. DIALLO WAS IMPRESSED ON PREVIOUS VISIT BY MEETING
WITH SECSTATE, LUNCHEON IN STATE DEPARTMENT, TWO MEETINGS WITH
ASS'T SEC FOR AFRICA AND CALLS AT ASS'T SEC LEVEL IN OTHER AGENC-
IES. DIALLO IS AGREEABLE AND COOPERATIVE, WELL DISPOSED TOWARD
US AND GRATEFUL FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY. GRANTEE REPORTED HE WAS
COMFORTABLE IN HOTEL FAIRFAX LAST TIME. WOULD LIKE TO SEE DON
NORLAND, FORMER CHARGE CONAKRY. OUTSIDE WASHINGTON HE WOULD PREFER
GULF COAST TO WEST COAST WHICH HE HAS SEEN.
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